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FARMERS LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers living below the poverty line in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) the details of schemes being implemented for the farmers;

(c) the details of funds released by the Government during the last three years; and

(d) the number of farmers benefited by such funds alongwith the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Planning Commission estimates percentage of persons living below thepoverty line at national and state level from the large sample surveys on consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey (NSS) Organisation.The last such survey was conducted in the 55th Round of the NSS covering the period July 1999 to June 2000. On the basis of the 30-day recall tabulation in the Key-Results of the 55th Round large sample survey of Household Consumer Expenditure in India carried out bythe National Sample Survey Organisation, the number and percentage of persons living below poverty line in 1999-2000 in Maharashtra are as under:

Rural		Urban		Combined	
Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
125.12 lakh	23.72	102.87 lakh	26.81	227.99 lakh	25.02

Separate estimate of district-wise poverty is not available.

(b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation provide Central assistance through various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as: Oilseed Production Programme; National Pulses Development Project; Accelerated Maize Development Programme; Macro Management; Schemes for Horticulture Development; Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizer; Establishment of Seed Banks; Distribution of Minikits; various extension related programmes, etc.

(c): Allocation/Releases of funds by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation forCentral Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Maharashtra State during the last three years is as under:

Year Allocation (Rs. lakh)
1998-99 12378.62 1999-2000 7928.95 2000-2001 10634.11

(d): The Schemes implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation areproduction oriented, the benefit of which flows to all categories of farmers. Thus it is not possible to quantify the number of beneficiaries.